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In re Patent Application of

Michael E. Weinstein

Group Art Unit: 2819

Application No.: 10/608,096

Examiner: VIBOL TAN

Filing Date: June 30, 2003

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Title: MICROSTRIP-WAVEGUIDE TRANSITION

AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
 Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the \$65.00 (2814) \$130.00 (1814) fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.
 Also enclosed is/are _____

Small entity status is hereby claimed.
 Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the \$395.00 (2801) \$790.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
 Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.
 Applicant(s) previously submitted _____

on _____, for which continued examination is requested.
 Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least _____, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
 A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

No additional claim fee is required.

An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below.

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	23	MINUS 23 =	0	x \$50.00 (1202) =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	7	MINUS 7 =	0	x \$200.00 (1201) =	\$ 0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$360.00 (1203)					
Total Claim Amendment Fee					
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					
\$ 0.00					

A check in the amount of _____ is enclosed for the fee due.

Charge _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Charge _____ to credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated March 21, 2005, reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested. Claims 1-23 remain pending in the application.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication in numbered paragraph 3 of the final Office Action that claims 12-23 are allowed.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication in numbered paragraph 2 of the Office Action that claims 3, 7, 10 and 11 contain allowable subject matter. Regarding claims 3, 10 and 11, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 3 was previously presented in an independent form, conforming to the Examiner's previous indication of allowability; and claims 10 and 11 are dependent from independent claim 3. Accordingly, claims 3, 10 and 11 are allowable as previously presented.

Regarding claim 7, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 1, from which claim 7 depends from, is patentably distinct in its present form. The Examiner